

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Managua May 18 and 22, 1942

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MANAGUA, D.N., NICARAGUA, *May 18, 1942*

No. 124

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with Resolution XXX of the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics at Rio de Janeiro,² relating to health and sanitary conditions, the Government of the United States is prepared to contribute a sum in the amount of \$500,000 to be expended in ways which will assist the Government of Nicaragua in attaining its objectives in matters of health and sanitation.

My Government notes that projects such as the improvement of water supply, the development of facilities for adequate sewage disposal, and the control of endemic or epidemic diseases have been among the chief objectives of the Nicaraguan Government in health and sanitation matters. My Government considers that the further development of projects of this character will contribute to the realization of the general objectives set forth in the above-mentioned resolution to which our respective Governments are committed.

In this connection, the Government of the United States acting through the agency of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs will send, if it is agreeable to you, a small group of experts to Nicaragua in order to develop a specific program in agreement with your Government, acting through officials designated by it. This group will be under the immediate

¹ EAS 484, *post*, p. 441.

² For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 7, 1942, p. 137.

direction of the Chief Medical Officer of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and will work in the closest cooperation with the appropriate Nicaraguan officials. The salaries and expenses of the group of experts will not be debited against project funds. Approval for the actual execution of the specific projects agreed upon will be given by the respective Governments or their duly appointed agents. Expenditures for such projects shall be made upon certification of the Chief Medical Officer and the appropriate Nicaraguan official designated for the areas where projects will be executed.

These projects upon completion will of course become the sole property of Nicaragua. The United States Government will be prepared to facilitate such training of personnel as the two Governments deem advisable.

My Government anticipates that the Nicaraguan Government will be willing to provide, in accordance with its ability, such raw materials, services and funds as may be deemed necessary for the proper execution of the program.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

WILLIAM P. COCHRAN, Jr.

His Excellency

DR. ANTONIO BARQUERO,
*Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Managua, D.N., Nicaragua.*

*The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires
ad interim*

[TRANSLATION]

L/No. 141

MANAGUA, D.N., May 22, 1942

MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note 124, dated the 18th of the current month, in which you were kind enough to inform me that, in conformity with resolution XXX of the Third Consultative Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics, which refers to the solution of problems of public health, the illustrious Government of the United States is disposed to contribute the sum of \$500,000 in order that the Government of Nicaragua may be able to effect improvement of its sanitary systems and especially those referring to the improvement of water supply, sewage disposal, and control of endemic or epidemic diseases.

You announce the sending of a group of experts who, working through the agency of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and in cooperation with this Government, will prepare a program and draw up projects which should be realized in agreement and in cooperation with those designated by the Government of Nicaragua, for the training of whom your Government offers facilities.

In the name of my Government I accept and, through you, I profoundly thank the illustrious Government of the United States for its generous offer, furthermore placing at the entire disposal of the committee of experts, in conformity with our resources, the raw materials, services, and funds necessary for the realization of the projects which may be approved, and extending to them every facility required for the realization of such an important labor.

I have today placed the important offer of your Government before His Excellency the President of the Republic and the Director General of Public Health.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you my distinguished consideration.

ANTONIO BARQUERO

The Honorable

WILLIAM P. COCHRAN, Jr.,

Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

of the United States of America,

Managua, D.N.